

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 10, 2021 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Denise Day, Tom Newkirk, Dan Klein, James Morse, Wendy DiFruscio,
Visitors: Suzanne Filippone

Denise Day called the meeting to order at 3:30 and referred everyone to the email of suggested changes and questions to the policy agenda that were submitted by Board Chair Williams. Everyone took a minute to review before Denise invited Suzanne Filippone to begin with the Distance Education Policy and subsequent procedure that was requested from the last policy meeting.

Policy IMBA – Distance Education was discussed following the questions that were asked about this policy.

Tom Newkirk suggested that the policy be sectioned out with definitions, approval, and confidentiality.

Committee members asked about the process that is followed, the timeline that is involved and if credit can be given for distance education courses that are taken.

Suzanne explained that if credit is to be given for these courses it is best to wait until the student is an enrolled high school student, at which time administration would then engage with the student before classes start.

Denise felt that the “R” document be created by removing information from the policy.

Dr. Morse agreed that he would take the policy back and sit down with Suzanne to revise the policy, create the procedure and keep the form as well.

Dan Klein suggested that the policy for alternative learning be added as a cross reference.

This policy will be placed on hold pending the revisions.

Denise referred to the Policy/Procedure FF & R – Naming of Facilities that she again gave the committee a few minutes to review the email with the suggestions on this policy.

Dr. Morse referred back to the Board discussion that the policy was clear, and that the procedure was lacking. He suggested that the committee talk more about that.

Dan Klein referred back to the policy and asked for clarification of the last sentence.

Tom Newkirk suggested that removal of “source of funding will be a consideration and the” so that the last sentence would be clearer as “The School Board will have final approval.” The committee agreed and moved onto the procedure. A discussion ensued that resulted in the removal of item #3 from the procedure. This is ready for a first read by the School Board at their next meeting.

The committee while discussing the Naming of Facilities policy, it opened a discussion surrounding the policy KCDA pertaining to memorials and the removal of memorials at the high school. Denise questioned why the Board was not informed of these removals and read a portion of the Memorial procedure. She also went on to state that attempts to notify families should be made. A brief discussion ensued.

Suzanne left the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Policy EBCA – Emergency Plans was reviewed with no changes.

Policy GBGA – Staff Health was reviewed with the suggested changes by Chair Williams to add physicians’ assistants and nurse practitioners to the policy. With this change the policy is ready for a first read.

Policy GBJ – Personnel Records was reviewed with no changes.

Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring was reviewed and discussed with a suggested change to the last sentence of the first paragraph to reread to state, “The Board shall have the final approval to employ teachers and administrators in the district for the coming school year.

There was no additional questions or comments. Meeting ended at 4:15 PM – Next meeting will be scheduled for September.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. DiFruscio